

Financial System Modernization Project
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The following questions were submitted between July 19, 2005 and August 18, 2005

Question 1: Is this a new requirement or is there an incumbent, and if so, what is the name of the company?

Answer 1: This is a new requirement for the modernization of EPA's financial management system. There is no incumbent. The EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer maintains a website for this project which contains reference materials relevant to the project, as well as some draft documents which will apply to the upcoming acquisition and any resulting award. You may access the website at the following address:

<http://www.epa.gov/ocfopage/modernization/index.htm>

In addition, the Government intends to establish a webpage for the acquisition which can be accessed on the Office of Acquisition Management's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/oam>. The webpage will include all procurement documents related to the acquisition. The Government plans to make the webpage for the acquisition available by close of business on Friday, August 19, 2005.

Question 2: Could you tell me the status of the market research? Has it started and will an RFI be released in FedBizOpps?

Answer 2: Market research is ongoing. A request for information will not be released on FedBizOpps. The Government intends to solicit offers from the private sector using General Services Administration Federal Supply Schedule 70 and will also consider Federal Financial Management Centers of Excellence.

Question 3: Is there a narrower estimate for the solicitation release date, or is FY05-Q4 as narrow as you can estimate?

Answer 3: Fiscal Year 2005, quarter 4 (between July 1, 2005 and September 30, 2005) is as narrow as the Government can currently estimate.

Question 4: I searched the OAM site for the draft documents scheduled for an August 15th release, but I was unable to locate them. Have they been released?

Answer 4: No, they have not been posted yet. The EPA currently anticipates posting a draft Statement of Objectives and a draft version of the Down-Select criteria on August 19, 2005.

Question 5.A.: I've been reviewing the draft Concept of Operation and the draft Overview

of Requirements and there's a lot of reference to the FinRS and FSMP. I want to make sure I have the correct understanding of this upcoming acquisition. It appears the acquisition is for the Financial Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) component to replace IFMS. Financial COTS is one component of several for FinRS. I'm assuming we don't propose on the other components (administrative Data Warehouse, Planning, Cost Recovery and Imaging, Enterprise Application Integration, Payroll Personnel and Labor and Travel)?

Answer 5.A.: This project addresses FSMP, as defined in the Concept of Operations (CONOPS) document, which is available on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer website at: <http://www.epa.gov/ocfopage/modernization/index.htm>. Please see Figure ES-1 and Figure 1.3 of the CONOPS document for a graphical depiction of the relationship between FinRS and FSMP.

Question 5.B.: However, Financial (COTS) component would have to be compatible with the other components. In regards to Financial COTS, we need to understand the following requirements: General Ledger, Strategic Management and Budget Formulation, Budget Execution, Receivable Management, Payment Management, Cost/Project Management, Property Management and Working Capital Fund. Is this so?

Answer 5.B.: Please see Table 1.2 of the CONOPS document

Question 6: Could you please provide clarification regarding the draft documents that were posted on <http://www.epa.gov/ocfopage/modernization/index.htm>? The webpage indicates the page was last updated on August 15, 2005, but I can't figure out what was updated. In addition, the CONOPS and draft documents that were posted are dated July 2005--can you please tell me the date these documents were posted. Also, it would be very useful if your agency could provide a date next to the documents that are being posted. It would be easier for industry to determine what has been posted most recently.

Answer 6: Thank you for your feedback. The EPA plans to revise the website listed above to clearly show when each document was posted, or if a document is revised to show the date the updated version was posted. This revision should be complete on or about August 24, 2005.